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**THE BUYER BEWARE PROGRAM ANNOUNCES:  
THE LATEST LISTING OF STORES CONVICTED OF OVERCHARGING**

The Los Angeles County *Buyer Beware Program* was established by ordinance in February 2002 for the purpose of protecting consumers from being overcharged at stores using electronic scanners. A component of the *Program* is the periodic release of the names, and addresses of stores recently convicted of overcharging Weights and Measures staff during their inspections.

A Weights and Measures price accuracy inspection is intended to simulate a typical shopping experience. An undercover inspector enters a store, and selects various items of merchandise (up to 15). These items are then taken to the checkstand where they are scanned. The receipt is compared with the advertised or posted prices. If there are no overcharges, the inspection is over. The manager is offered a "No Overcharges Found" sign to post at the store entrance.

If the inspector finds an overcharge, the store is issued a notice of violation. An overcharge of \$1.00 or less is an infraction, and any overcharge more than \$1.00 is a misdemeanor. Ultimately, after the proper due process results in a conviction, a "Notice of Overcharge Conviction" sign will be placed at the store entrance for 60 days.

Persons with complaints about scanner overcharges may call 1 (800) 655-2900, or may e-mail [scanners@acwm.co.la.ca.us](mailto:scanners@acwm.co.la.ca.us). A complete listing of stores convicted of overcharging can be found at the department's website: <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>.

Listed below are cases that were recently completed:

**1. Albertson's Inc., #6371, 7134 Sepulveda Blvd., Van Nuys**

Date of offense: 3/07/02

Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$1.36)

Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$623.00

Case #2PN0535901

2. **Albertson's Inc., #6547, 725 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia**  
Date of offense: 4/30/02  
Charges: 5 counts of scanner overcharge (\$1.64)  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$918.00  
Case #SA00017
3. **Albertson's Inc., #6104, 13401 Washington Blvd., Marina Del Rey**  
Date of offense: 6/02/02  
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$0.50)  
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1940.00  
Case #2PN0536201
4. **Albertson's Inc., #6169, 8985 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 7/11/02  
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$4.88)  
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1650.00  
Case #2PN0536001
5. **Albertson's Inc., #6121, 5750 Mesmer Ave., Culver City**  
Date of offense: 11/27/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP086
6. **Ann-Taylor #177, 495 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena**  
Date of offense: 10/09/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP071
7. **Auto Zone, Inc., #2814, 1050 Huntington Drive, Duarte**  
Date of offense: 5/09/02  
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$1.58)  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$750.51  
Case #2SA00016

8. **Auto Zone, Inc., #5443, 4301 Cesar Chavez, Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 11/20/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP083
9. **Bellflower Recycling, 17326 Woodruff Ave., Bellflower**  
Date of offense: 3/19/01  
Charges: 10 counts of purchase of less than true quantity  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$2734.36  
Case#1LC02973
10. **Bi-Rite Market, 2913 B, Broadway Ave., Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 10/10/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File # 02/03-SP072
11. **Blockbuster Video #6572, 2175 Colorado Blvd., Eagle Rock**  
Date of offense: 10/22/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP074
12. **Beyond The Beach, 146 Los Cerritos Center, Cerritos**  
Date of offense: 10/30/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP077
13. **Cali Fashion, 2700 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 10/29/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP078
14. **Cost Plus, Inc., 229 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance**  
Date of offense: 5/06/02  
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$0.99)  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$697.12  
Case #2SB07301

15. **Food 4 Less #776, 5100 Figueroa St., Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 11/07/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP079
16. **Fry's Electronics #5., 3600 Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach**  
Date of offense: 12/07/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP090
17. **Jons Market #9, 1717 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale**  
Date of offense: 11/12/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP081
18. **Office Depot, #947., 725 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia**  
Date of offense: 5/02/02  
Charges: 4 counts of scanner overcharge (\$27.37)  
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1982.29  
Case #3SA00018
19. **Old Navy, #5537, 1600 Azusa Ave., #109, City Of Industry**  
Date of offense: 7/11/02  
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$1.03)  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1338.04  
Case #2JM08910
20. **Orchard Supply Hardware., 641 N. Victory Blvd., Burbank**  
Date of offense: 10/16/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP073
21. **Party City Of Alhambra, 2500 W. Commonwealth, Alhambra**  
Date of offense: 10/24/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine of one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP076

22. **Pep Boys #894, 4520 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City**  
Date of offense: 11/26/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP085
23. **Sav-On Drugs #9717, 13021 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood**  
Date of offense: 3/06/02  
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$6.77)  
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1460.00  
Case #2PN0539401
24. **Sav-On Drugs, #9707, 14735 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks**  
Date of offense: 5/06/02  
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$0.60)  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$597.00  
Case #2PN0541801
25. **Sav-On Drugs, #9401, 219 Lincoln Blvd., Venice**  
Date of offense: 6/02/02  
Charges: 4 counts of scanner overcharge (\$11.85)  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$2360.00  
Case #2PN05396
26. **Sav-On Drugs, #9451, 13171 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey**  
Date of offense: 11/20/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP084
27. **Sav-On Drugs, #9734, 2500 W. Victory Blvd., Burbank**  
Date of offense: 12/03/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP087
28. **7-Eleven #17853, 601 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra**  
Date of offense: 10/23/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File # 02/02-SP075

29. **Staples, Inc., #60, 1833 B La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles**  
Date of offense: 3/12/02  
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$0.80)  
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$597.00  
Case #2PN0539401
30. **Superior Super Whs., 1375 N. Citrus Ave., Covina**  
Date of offense: 11/05/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP082
31. **Target, #302, 1050 E. Huntington Dr., Duarte**  
Date of offense: 5/13/02  
Charges: 4 counts of scanner overcharge  
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere  
Fines and fees: \$1512.20  
Case #3SA00013
32. **Target, #228, 6635 Fallbrook Ave., West Hills**  
Date of offense: 12/05/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP088
33. **The Great Indoors, #1922, 1301 Victory Pl., Burbank**  
Date of offense: 12/05/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP089
34. **Valu Plus #22, 6820 De Soto Ave., Canoga Park**  
Date of offense: 11/12/02  
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine for one overcharge of \$1.00 or less  
File #02/03-SP080